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## THE GARBAGE CONSPIRACY.

In the face of the opposition that has developed against the barefaced attempt of Charles Achi and the Supervisors he has hypnotized to make the taxpayers pay for their campaign organization, through the forcing of political workers on the county payroll, it is still asserted by some of the Supervisors that the garbage resolution is to be brought up again at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday night and pushed through to a vote. If it is, the decent element among the electors should watch the vote carefully and note for future use the ones who range themselves on the side of graft and the ones big enough to take a businesslike view of the situation and vote to leave the management of the city garbage work in the hands of the ones who have shown a disposition to carry it on honestly and efficiently.

The plot has been simmering for four months. At meeting after meeting the resolution has been taken into the Board room in the pocket of one or another of the members, but until last Wednesday no one could be induced to present it. This in itself is an acknowledgment of the discreditable nature of the job. That it was sprung at the last meeting was only because there had been a trade among the committee heads, an agreement that, if this job was supported now, support would come a little later for another job, both being aimed at the pockets of the taxpayers.

The members who backed the resolution last Wednesday will have figures to present at the coming meeting, figures prepared for them by Charley Achi to show that a change will result in a saving. And the saving, as will be shown when the figures are presented, is to be made by dismissing the present bookkeeper, the present collector and the present superintendent, all of whom have proved their honesty and trustworthiness, and putting in their places a man as superintendent who was fired for complete incompetency from another county job, and a collector, another henchman of Achi's, who will keep his own accounts and turn in to the county treasurer whatever he pleases. At present the county auditor goes over the garbage department books regularly. After the change there will be no books for him to check, except the memoranda kept by the collector himself.

The fact that the backers of the job consider it necessary at all to pretend that there will be a saving to the county is only because of the opposition developed since the particulars have been made public. When the resolution was first presented there was no effort made to hide the political nature of the resolution, the members relying on the fact that they had the necessary number of votes to carry it and expecting it to go through without any particular fight. That Hustace or anybody else would be able to block their game and force the discussion into print before the job was done was not contemplated. Hence the anger at Hustace and the desperate rush to the auditor's office by Achi to get any kind of figures to quote.

## AN UNORGANIZED BUSINESS.

An institution that is lacking in Honolulu, but for which the time seems over-ripe, is a real estate exchange or information bureau. For the larger commercial interests the Chamber of Commerce has a long and useful record behind its present active and strong position. A shorter period of existence finds the Merchants' Association broadening and deepening the scope of its services in the interests of retail trading. Ever since the boom in the sugar industry closely following annexation the buying and selling of Hawaiian securities has been done according to standards established by the Stock and Bond Exchange organized at the epoch mentioned. Yet the real estate market is still a vague and uncertain entity in the progress of the city and the country, although the acquiring, possessing and disposing of property in land comes as near to the general welfare as any of those other interests that, as has been shown, are under organized regulation.

If only the interests of the real estate brokerage fraternity were in question, the matter would scarcely be one for public discussion. Those engaged in the business might then be left to go their individual ways of buying and selling and collecting the tolls from clients. There are many points of contact, however, between the public at large and the real estate business. It is a business, also, which has much to do with the development and progress of the Territory. One owning his own house in town may, at short notice, be confronted with the urgent desirability of selling it, and the proprietor of a producing homestead in the country be in similar case. Always there are people on the lookout for chances to obtain improved or unimproved residence property and others who want small areas for cultivation with satisfactory access to markets for their produce. Now, notwithstanding that every agency sought by any of these people may be efficient and trustworthy, there are still chances that none of them may at the time have just what is wanted, either to sell or to buy, by the particular client resorting to it. Through the medium of a real estate exchange the members, representing wouldbe buyers and sellers, could find exactly what their respective clients desired if it was in the market.

Some time ago a sort of understanding was reached among the local real estate agents that they should not interfere with each other's business. One would not take orders to buy or sell from clients who had already placed the same orders with another, at least until a given time had elapsed and the clients definitely announced that they wished to transfer their business. Such an arrangement as this might be taken as a step toward the organizing of an exchange. It provides one facility for open dealings between agencies, tending to obviate any objection to the registering of real estate, offered or wanted, in a common exchange. Such an institution would hardly be complete unless it kept a record of all sales, with descriptions of the properties, which would form a criterion of the current value of every kind of real estate. The published summaries of conveyances are lacking in worth of information from the frequency with which areas and characteristics of the properties are omitted. A complete register would standardize values of both town and country property.

Another benefit of a real estate exchange to be noted is that it would regulate the practices of the business. Many undesirable modes of traffic, together with a general confusion of values, were emulated in stock brokerage here by the creation of the exchange. Part of the good results of organized regulation in real estate transactions which might be expected would be the discrediting of wildcat schemes, such as have given birth already to a too long category of scandal and robbery of the people.

## PICTURESQUE HONOLULU IS DOING EFFECTIVE WORK

Complimentary acknowledgments of the receipt of copies of "Picturesque Honolulu" continue to pour in and the last mail brought another large batch. By this time the publication is scattered over the length and breadth of the mainland and hundreds of libraries have it displayed so that he who runs may read and learn of Hawaii and her charms and advantages.

The following extracts are taken from the mail received by the S. S. Mongolia:

Milwaukee, Wis., January 9, 1908.

Mr. George P. Castle, Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Castle: Please accept my sincere thanks for Picturesque Honolulu, which I received a week or more ago, and I believe I am indebted to your kindness for it. It has been very interesting reading to myself and family and a surprise to all of us, as we who have not had the privilege of visiting the islands, even with the information we receive from time to time by reading and through lectures, still seem to retain the impression that the Hawaiian Islands are more or less, particularly more, in their wild and uncivilized condition; but when the fact is brought to our attention by such views as represented in the book you sent, we wake up to a realization of the true situation. Many of the views are very beautiful and a number of them show the great advance made in the buildings and general improvements of your cities.

Thanking you, and with very best regards, I am,

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## WASHINGTON PLEASSED WITH JAPAN'S REPLY

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—The program for today's session of the Diet, including the speech of Foreign Minister Viscount Hayashi regarding the immigration question, was suddenly changed and the speech was postponed until January 30, when it is expected that Viscount Hayashi will outline definitely the plans of the government for the restriction of emigration to America and Canada.

It is understood that the postponement was due to the fact that a reply from the American Government to the last memorandum from Japan was expected to be handed to the Foreign Office this afternoon.

Since the delivery of its last memorandum the Japanese government has issued the most stringent instructions to all governors and other officials concerning the regulation of future emigration along the lines of the future definite policy of restriction, which include the prevention of the emigration of laborers to America and Canada except under given conditions, which will be satisfactory to the governments of both of these countries. No laborers will be permitted to emigrate to Mexico.

Evidence of the determination of the Japanese government is shown by an official order issued to emigration companies today wherein all emigration to the Hawaiian Islands is absolutely prohibited except in the case of relatives of Japanese already residing there. The order bearing on emigration to the Hawaiian Islands has created consternation among the emigration companies, who expected to institute a virulent attack upon the Foreign Office policy in this respect. Viscount Hayashi, however, is determined not to yield, and says that the Japanese government having given a promise, will not recede from it, regardless of political pressure.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—It is learned at the State Department that the department's communication to Ambassador O'Brien relative to restriction of emigration into the United States from Japan, went forward two days ago, and its receipt has been acknowledged by O'Brien. The fact that the debate in the Japanese Diet was adjourned until the 30th inst. will consequently afford the Ambassador ample time to prepare Secretary Root's views for submission to the Japanese Foreign Office and for the latter to arrange for the presentation of the subject to the Diet. The State Department is well satisfied with the treatment accorded this subject by the Japanese government, and particularly with the spirit exhibited in the instructions given to subordinate officials in Japan, for the reason that in its view the subject is not so much one of regulation as of the execution of the restrictive measures in a proper spirit.

## FLEET IN STRAIT.

Editor Advertiser: Someone has evidently given you the very wrong impression, quoted in the Advertiser this morning, that "movements of steamers in the Strait of Magellan are confined to daylight, vessels anchoring at sundown." The truth is that it is very seldom a steamer anchors in the Strait, by day or night. In fact there are very few safe places to anchor, especially in the eastern portion, if a captain wanted to. The afternoon dispatches are probably correct and the American fleet will probably leave Punta Arenas (or Sandy Point so-called) by night and not anchor till it reaches Valparaiso. Moreover, it must be remembered how short their nights are.

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